

REMARKS


This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 20, 2005. Claims 1-15, which stand allowed, are the only claims in this application, the rejected claims, Claims 16-22 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

The Office Action entered rejections of Claims 16-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,145,001 (Scholl et al.). Those claims have all been cancelled, and the remaining claims are seen to be in condition for allowance for the reasons noted above. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance. In particular, it is Applicant's current intention to file a divisional application, to pursue the subject matter of the rejected claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

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